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Amendment B

(Amendment under Rule 116)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001 is presented after the first sixty days of the shortened statutory period because of the death of the father-in-law of the inventor on May 5, 2001 and the resulting press of funeral and family affairs. Subject to the accompanying notice of probable typographical error in office action and requested action, filed herewith, please allow amendment of the above application and allow the claims as follows:

Specification: Applicant requests the specification (as amended earlier by the substitute specification dated December 28, 2000) be amended as follows.

P. 4, l. 12, after each occurrence of "signature" insert — and verification — in both places.

P. 7, l. 6, after "software" insert — located at the server computer that relying parties access to verify an electronic signature including the identity of a signer —

P. 7, ll. 27 to 30, change: "In a normal transaction ... *abc + d + efg + h + ijk + GUID*" to -- The digital wrapper includes the GUID and text supplied by a user which is assembled with the template at the server for signature. —